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## WEST END WILL HAVE BIG FREIGHT YARD TO RELIEVE CONGESTION

Record Shipments Make Radical Steps Necessary  
to Help Local Manufacturers and Merchants  
—Grading Work Nearing Completion, And  
Tracks and Sheds Soon Will Be Built.

Phenomenal increase in the volume of freight traffic handled through Bridgeport's yards has led the New Haven road to begin work on the establishment of a new freight yard, located in the West End.

Work on the grading has progressed so rapidly that it is expected that the new yard will be ready for use within a week. The proposed yard will be located on the north side of the tracks and will extend west from Fairfield avenue, to Ash Creek. The dead ends of several streets will be crossed by the yard.

Entrance to the freight yards will be made near the "fin bridge" just east of the railroad bridge over Ash Creek. The dead end of the sidings will be at Fairfield avenue, and the tracks at this point will be several feet below the grade of the main line.

The property devoted to the new freight yard has been owned by the railroad company for many years. It came into the possession of the railroad in 1882, when it was purchased from the late P. L. Barnard, but the deed by which it was conveyed to the railroad provided that the land should be used forever for railroad purposes only. It is a triangular piece of land, about 20 feet wide where the first spur track will be constructed, and fronting 257 feet on Fairfield avenue, terminating opposite the site of the Cornwall & Patterson factory.

Construction of a freight terminal in the West End has been a remote project with the railroad company for several years, but the rapid development of Bridgeport industries has made it an immediate need. There is a spur track on the south side of the viaduct which is of use to the manufacturers of the West End, but the manufacturers on the north side of the viaduct have no such facilities. The yard will be useful to these manufacturers. Notable among them are the Cornwall & Patterson, Simon Hard Rubber Co., Columbia Nut & Bolt Co., and Blue Ribbon Auto & Carriage Co.

There will be an eastward freight spur in the yard, and many sidings. It is expected that the tracks will be laid within a fortnight.

## LAKE CO. WILL FIGHT REBELLION TO OPEN BOOKS OF HIS ESTATE

To Repulse Through Court  
Efforts to See List of  
Stock Holders.

An attempt by New York stock-brokers dealing in war munition stocks to obtain access to the books of the Lake Torpedo Boat Co. for the purpose of copying the list of shareholders, has been rebuffed by the superior court.

An order to open the corporation books, procured through State's Attorney Homer S. Cummings and signed by Justice of the Superior Court, Nov. 18, has been obtained by Gilbert Elliott & Co., brokers of 27 Pine street, New York. This order demands that the books be opened to the brokerage company, which holds shares of Lake stock, on or before Dec. 8, or that cause be shown why the company should not obey the order.

Officials of the company declared today that every effort will be made to prevent a list of their stockholders going broadcast for the possible benefit of promoters of war munitions companies, which are springing up throughout the United States with madroom growth, and they intimated that Attorney Carl Foster representing the Lake Co. has been ordered to fight any such attempt with the utmost vigor.

The application for access to the books by the Gilbert Elliott & Co. firm, represented by Marsh, Stoddard & Day, attorneys of this city, does not disclose any reason for the desire other than "for the purpose of ascertaining and copying the names and residences of stockholders" of the Lake Co. Officials here hold that such a procedure, unless backed by better grounds, would possibly give the promoters of war munitions plants to the detriment of the Lake Co.'s financial interest.

It is pointed out that the stock-brokerage house making the application has heretofore made similar demands upon the Colt's Patent Firearms Co. of Hartford in mandamus proceedings last summer. Gilbert Elliott & Co. are New York representatives for the Canada Foundries & Forgers, Ltd., of Canada, and are closely allied with the Dupont Powder Co., Savage Arms Co., Winchester Arms Co. and other large war supply factories. The Lake people believe that the demand has been instigated by some influences that may seek to injure their rapidly growing business here and a legal fight is expected in the coming superior court contest.

## FIND KIDNAPPED BOY IN COTTAGE NEAR CITY LINE

Child Long Missing From  
Custodian's Home in New  
York, Located Here.

PRETENDED FATHER  
IS HELD FOR DEED

Two "Snake Oil" Dealers  
Claim Baby Son of Balti-  
more Woman.

A baby boy kidnapped from his home at 648 Eighth avenue, New York, more than a year ago and for whom many police in the East have been searching, was found in this city this morning in the "Tipperary" cottage, on Beechview avenue.

The child was placed in the custody of Mrs. Agnes Bonesby, who lives at the cottage, about a year ago, and she has received money for his board many times from John Phillips, a snake oil dealer, who created a sensation here about a year ago when Mrs. Harry Knob of 510 West Lafayette street, Baltimore, Md., mother of the child, accused him of kidnapping her son, Daniel Knob, who is two years old.

The child was located in this city through the efforts of Detective Sergeant Peter Hall, who has been working on the case for the last 10 months.

The child was taken from his parents' home at 648 Eighth avenue, in September of last year, and brought to this city by Phillips, who claims to be the child's father. Phillips was apprehended in Baltimore three days ago and yesterday he was arraigned in the Baltimore police court charged with kidnapping.

During the examination, Phillips claimed a sensation when he laid claim to the child. Harry Knob, husband of Mrs. Knob, also appeared to claim the child as his son. The court decided to give the benefit of the doubt to Mrs. Knob and she was instructed to recover the child after which Phillips will be prosecuted. Phillips then said that the child was in Bridgeport but he refused to divulge the whereabouts of his home in this city early last evening and Detective Hall informed her that he had located the missing youngster. The distracted mother, accompanied by Miss Mary Knob, aunt of the missing boy, and Detective Hall went to the "Tipperary" cottage at 10 o'clock this morning and the officer demanded the child in the name of the State of Maryland.

Mrs. Bonesby demanded payment, long overdue, for the board of the child. Mrs. Knob refused payment and Detective Peter Hall took the youngster in his arms and left the house.

Mrs. Bonesby admitted that the boy has been boarding with her for more than a year and that from time to time, Phillips forwarded money to pay for the baby's board. She was not held as an accomplice in the kidnapping case, but she was led to believe that Phillips is the father of the child. Mrs. Bonesby said that she has washed her hands of the matter and that the state of Connecticut will be responsible for the boy hereafter.

Harry Knob, father of the child, is also a snake oil manufacturer and his wife is an expert maker of the oils. Phillips learned the art of making the oil under the instruction of Mrs. Knob when Phillips was her husband five years ago. He took a decided liking to her son, according to Mrs. Knob, and that is the only reason she can find for his stealing him.

The father of the much sought-after youngster at present is dispensing of his wares in Philadelphia and did not come to this city in quest of his missing son.

Mrs. Knob caused a sensation in Bridgeport about a year ago when she pretended she was the wife of Phillips in order to have the local police authorities compel Phillips to surrender the youngster. Phillips is married and has three children of his own. Mrs. Knob is the mother of four children, the oldest, a boy of 16 years.

She is a pretty woman and appears to be about 30 years of age. The child will be taken back to Baltimore to-night, where he will be used as evidence in the trial of Phillips, who will be arraigned in the Maryland court on a charge of kidnapping.

## 'SENTIMENT TOAST' BY THE PRESIDENT IS SET FOR DEC. 4

San Francisco, Nov. 30.—A "sentiment toast" composed by President Wilson to the Panama-Pacific exposition will be made public throughout the world, according to an announcement by Charles Moore, president of the exposition. The sentiment will be proposed as a toast at noon during the Court of the Universe at the exposition as one of the central features of the fair.

With the view to making the event as international in character as is the exposition itself, President Moore's announcement states: "All nations, states, organizations, institutions and individuals participating or interested in the exposition are asked to join in the sentiment at noon Dec. 4, San Francisco time, so that practically all nations may participate with the exposition in a toast for world unity and for a higher type of internationalism."

Attendance at the exposition today passed the 15,000,000 mark, the goal set early in the exposition period by the officials.

## GLASNER BROS. BUILDING TO BE SOLD TO COTTER

Main Street Property Will  
Become Possession of Sa-  
loonkeeper.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE  
PRACTICALLY DONE

Signatures of Mrs. Philip  
Glasner and Another Per-  
son to Be Given.

Negotiations are practically completed for the sale of the Glasner building, 1192 Main street, to David H. Cotter, cafe proprietor of Main and Elm streets. Although the title has not passed as yet the negotiations are nearly closed and the sale will be consummated by the signing of a deed.

The proposed change of ownership comes as a great surprise to Main street business concerns as information lately received that the department store contemplated a larger Main street frontage seems to be carried a step further towards fact.

That Cotter had been seeking larger and better quarters has been intimated for some days. It was reported that the building now occupied by them and owned by Hartford persons might be vacated and the property improved.

It was known also that the Glasner Furniture company which has risen from small quarters on lower State street and has grown rapidly during the last 18 years on Main street was also desirous of branching out.

The news of the contemplated transfer was partially confirmed today by Philip Glasner, secretary and treasurer of the Glasner Furniture Co., who admitted that the sale was nearly consummated all that was lacking being the signatures of his wife and another person in New York who could not be located today. The amount involved is kept secret. Confirmation of effort upon the part of Dorsen interests to obtain their store could not be definitely ascertained from members of the firm in Bridgeport although it was confidently said in reality circles that the frontage on Main street would be acceptable to the firm that it might have equivalence on both Main and Middle streets.

The Glasner property, a four-story brick building, now occupied as a furniture salesroom and warehouse, is located just north of the Newfield building on Main street at Golden Hill and is directly in the heart of the shopping section.

Where the furniture firm will go is not yet decided but that it will have a much larger and more modern building in the center of the city is stated by Mr. Glasner today. Judge Patrick Kane formerly owned the structure now occupied by the Glasner Co., which has been store property for nearly 20 years, when Bridgeport business section scarcely was above Main street and Fairfield avenue.

## AVON PARK SOLD AT AUCTION FOR CONNECTICUT CO.

Purchaser Expects to De-  
velop Property at Once for  
Residential Purposes.

Avon Park, Stratford, owned for the last quarter of a century by the traction interests of Bridgeport, has been sold by order of the Connecticut Co. trustees, and will probably be developed for building purposes.

The sale was completed in the offices of the Connecticut Co. at New Haven yesterday, where bids were opened. The purchase price is said to be in the vicinity of \$2,000,000, 13 acres, not including the trolley barns on Stratford avenue, but including frontage on Stratford and South avenues and Honeyshot road, Stratford.

The name of the successful bidder is withheld from the public until a deposit of \$1,000, required to hold the bid, is made formally at the offices of the company tonight. It is said that New York realty firm successfully outbid several local firms.

A rumor to the effect that a new munition factory will be erected on the site is today denied by those closely identified with the building. The inference is that the tract will be cut up into building lots quickly and sold to ready purchasers.

Many demands have been made upon the Connecticut Co. for the release of this land. Up to a few weeks ago it was reported "not for sale." Consideration of the value of this land to the Connecticut Co. was given much time recently by the trustees with the result that it was decided that the semi-rural land adjoining the car barns at the eastern end is not of great value and that the top price could be procured in the present market.

Bids were acceptable and Saturday, Nov. 27, set as the final time limit for acceptance. The directors set a minimum price of \$1,000,000, one thousand to be paid upon acceptance of bid and forfeited if purchaser fails to take title. The balance is to be paid in cash upon delivery of the deed. Several formalities are to be complied with by the Connecticut Co. directors before the deed can be delivered and the rest of the purchase price will not be received before March 1, 1916.

The release is to be by quit claim. (Continued on Page 2.)

## BRITISH SQUADRON SHIELDS BELGIAN COAST; GREECE TO STAND BY PRESENT POLICY

## HAMBURG LINE "PROUD" OF SUPPLYING GERMAN RAIDERS, COUNSEL SAYS

New York, Nov. 30.—The jury in the trial of Hamburg-American officials on charges of conspiracy to defraud the United States, was excused this morning to give counsel an opportunity to argue motions.

If the court denies the motions to dismiss the indictment or order a verdict for the defense, counsel for the accused is ready to put on the witness, the government having concluded the presentation of its case.

The defendants—Dr. Karl Buehn, George Kotter, Joseph Poppinghaus and Adolf Hachmeister—were present when Howard Ganz, William Rand, Jr., of defendants' counsel, began their argument. Mr. Rand made a motion to strike from the record all testimony concerning the chartering and movements of the steamer *Martina*, Quesada.

This steamer left Newport News Dec. 18, 1914, for Pernambuco. It was charged her intent was to succor German raiders on the high seas. The defense, however, denies having had anything to do with the steamer. The vessel's name is missing from the list of 12 steamers which the Hamburg-American line admits it chartered.

Detailing the testimony covered by his motion, Mr. Rand included the telegram sent by Philip Volz, Baltimore agent of the North German Lloyd, to the vessel's captain, Hans Schuren, "care Nordern, Room 801, 11 Broadway, New York city." This room was the New York headquarters of Captain K. Boy-Ed, German naval attaché, who, the government charges, personally directed the expenditure of \$750,000 for relief of German raiders in the Atlantic and Pacific.

Reference to this telegram yesterday evoked from the defense a demand that the government state if it considered Captain Boy-Ed in the light of a conspirator. To this Roger B. Wood, of the government's counsel, replied that the government had taken no position.

Judge Howe ruled that the testimony should stand and Mr. Rand was given his exception.

Mr. Ganz argued that all the indictments should be dismissed. "There has not yet been adduced," he said, "a scintilla of evidence showing an act of wrongdoing by any one defendant."

That the defendants sent supplies to German raiders was something to be proud of, counsel said, adding: "Surely the court will agree that it was a lawful act to send out these supplies."

"Yes," interrupted Judge-Howe, "I will agree with you. It was a lawful act to send out these supplies to German ships. But was it lawful to deceive the port collectors in doing so?"

Mr. Ganz replied that the government had not shown that deception, if any, was practiced upon port collectors, had been with the knowledge or consent of the defendants.

## NORTH ENDER IS MANUFACTURING AT WAR FRONT

Clampett Takes Shunned  
Job Making Radiators Un-  
der German Shell Fire.

Probably no better illustration of American fearlessness and business perseverance has been offered than is disclosed in a letter received today by William M. Clampett, 1091 North avenue, from his brother, Edward Clampett, formerly of this city, but now located within three miles of where the German and French trenches are opposed in the Champagne district of France.

Manufacturing radiators within gunshot of the enemy is not the job that the average man would undertake, consequently the call for American genius unfraught of the falling shells and ready for the enormous harvest of gold that would result. Edward Clampett, born in the North End, graduated from the Grand street school, and later employed as a moulder in various factories in this city, was in Detroit four months ago, working his way upward in the plant of the American Radiator factory.

Contracts were offered the big American company to establish branch radiator factories within the various war zones of France that automobile trucks and other field radiators might be supplied and repaired. A call for units of five men to go abroad and establish the branches were made, throughout the factory here. Among those who volunteered was young Clampett who was sent by way of the Mediterranean into France. He was shown a bare plot of ground in sight of the French trenches at Dole-Jena, in the Champagne district. With his four companions he was given a detail of engineers, carpenters and sapper soldiers and told to go ahead and build a factory. In one week the house and machinery was equipped and work has since been carried out practically under continuous fire.

In the letter home, the first to be received and conveying the first tidings of young Clampett's whereabouts to his uncles, Henry Clampett, contractor and liverman, and John Clampett, the druggist, graphic detail of the method of taking soldiers to the front and relieving them of duty is given. The letter states that on Sundays masses in a local church are held so that soldiers may come and go on their reliefs in the trenches. Several grand opera singers, well known in this country, are reported to be among the troops, and to take their places in the choir, adding their voices gratuitously for the pleasure of the soldiers.

Edward Clampett will be remembered as a noted young man, afraid of nothing and his connection with the Tammany football team several years ago is well remembered by the players. His mother and sisters reside at 123 Hurd avenue.

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Wednesday;  
colder, moderate west winds.

German Positions From  
Zeebrugge to Ostend Are  
Targets For Warships—  
Early Reports Give No  
Details of Damage Done.

Greek Attitude of "Benevolent  
Neutrality" Toward  
Allies to Be Maintained,  
Despite Later Overtures  
Made By Diplomats.

London, Nov. 30.—German positions on the Belgian coast from Zeebrugge to Ostend were bombarded for two hours this morning by a British squadron, according to a despatch from Amsterdam.

Greece Stands Firm

London, Nov. 30.—"The basis of Greece's reply to a neutrality which will continue benevolent to the entente as long as the sovereign rights of Greece are not infringed and no restrictions of a military character are imposed," telegraphs the Athens correspondent of Reuters Telegram Company.

"Greece argues that with Saloniki and its railway communications in the hands of the allies forces will be deprived of their only adequate provisioning base. There is no indication that the entente will modify its original demands but the government and diplomats are hopeful of a satisfactory result."

TEUTON ARMY TAKES  
ANOTHER SERB TOWN

Berlin, Nov. 30.—The capture of Friesend, in western Serbia, near the Albanian border, was announced today by the war office.

KITCHENER IS HOME  
FOR WAR COUNCIL

London, Nov. 30.—Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, the secretary for war, returned to London today from his trip to the Near East.

Earl Kitchener will meet his colleagues in the war council of the cabinet on Thursday. At that time he will convey to them the results of his observations on the various battle fronts and of his conferences at the capitals of the countries he visited.

BRITISH FORCES RETREAT

Berlin, Nov. 30.—Advices received here from Constantinople state that British forces in Mesopotamia are continuing to retreat following the battle of Nov. 25, which is said to have resulted in a victory for the Turks. A British cavalry commander was killed in the battle.

SERB PREMIER IN ALBANIA

Paris, Nov. 30.—Arrival of Premier Pachitch and other members of the Serbian government at Scutari, Albania, is announced in an official statement by the Montenegrin war office under today's date, received here.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK

London, Nov. 30.—The British steamship *Dottel* has been sunk, presumably by a submarine. The *Dottel*, 1,556 tons gross and 270 feet long, was built in 1904 at Newcastle, and was owned in Cork.

KITCHENER AND COCHIN  
AT ODDS AS TO GREECE

Berlin, Nov. 30.—Differences of opinion arose between Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, British secretary of war, and Denys Cochin, French Minister without portfolio, when they met in Athens recently, the Overseas News Agency says. A press despatch from Athens by way of Budapest given out by the News Agency, asserts that Earl Kitchener desired Greece to enter the war with the allies whereas M. Cochin merely asked safe passage for French and British troops which might retreat from Macedonia to Greek territory.

"Earl Kitchener went to Italy to request assistance for the British in Egypt," the agency says, "which now seems to be the only country which interests England, after the Balkan failures."

SERBIANS RELINQUISH  
MONASTIR TO TEUTONS

London, Nov. 30.—Monastir, in southwestern Serbia, has been evacuated by Serbian troops, having accomplished their purpose of delaying their enemy's advance until the civil population of the town had time to escape, have now left the city and according to reports, are retreating in good order. Bulgarian occupation of the town is apparently a matter of only a few hours.

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